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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

RUTH LARA, individually and as Guardian of her minor child J.S., on behalf of themselves and on behalf of those similarly situated,

CASE NO. 2:20-cv-08030-SDW-LDW

Plaintiffs,

v.

PUFF BAR, NICK MINAS, PATRICK BELTRAN, COOL CLOUDS DISTRIBUTION, INC., UMAIS ABUBAKER and SHAHID SHAIKH,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF SHAHID SHAIKH IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISMISS

SHAHID SHAIKH, of full age, being duly deposed according to law, declares as follows:

I am a defendant in the above captioned matter. I am fully familiar with 1.

the facts recited herein.

- 2. I am a resident of the State of California, residing at 3725 Midvale Avenue, Los Angeles, California.
- 3. I have never transacted any business whatsoever in the State of New Jersey.
- 4. I own no property in the State of New Jersey. I have never leased property in the State of New Jersey. I have no bank accounts in the State of New Jersey. I have no postal boxes in the State of New Jersey. I have no agents or employees in the State of New Jersey. I have never been in the State of New Jersey.
- 5. I have no interest in and no personal relationship with the defendant, Puff Bar, a California corporation.
- 6. I am not an officer of Cool Clouds Distribution. I was not part of Cool Cloud's management. I was employed and paid by Cool Clouds to serve Mr. Abubaker as his personal and professional assistant.
- 7. It would be a substantial hardship for me to have to defend this action in New Jersey.

I declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury of the Law of the United States that the foregoing statements made by me are true and correct of my own personal knowledge.

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DATED: November <u>09</u>, 2020